

Application Ser. No. 10/613,883

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETAINING MODEL STRUCTURAL MEMBERS

Response to Restriction Requirement Dated August 5, 2004

**Remarks:**

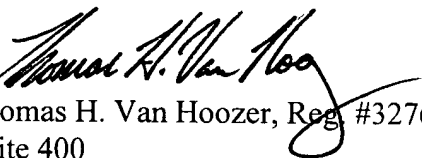
In the Office Action of August 5, 2004, the Examiner identified two species as being distinct and requiring an election on the part of the applicant between the invention identified as Species I shown in Figs. 1-4, 9 and 10, and Species II shown in Fig. 1, 2, 5-8, and 9. Claims 1-30 all include the structure illustrated in Figs. 1-4, 9 and 10. Accordingly, applicant elects to prosecute the invention as set forth in Claims 1-30, without traverse, and cancels claims 21-35 herewith without prejudice to filing such claims in a divisional application or other application including claims corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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Applicant believes claims 1-30 all define over the prior art and thus early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is courteously requested. Should the Examiner have any questions in response to this submission, he may contact the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460. Any additional fees necessitated by this submission such as an extension of time, if required, may be charged to deposit account 19-0522.

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